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APPLICANT: GOLD, ET AL.

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TITLE: SYSTEMATIC EVOLUTION OF
LIGANDS BY EXPONENTIAL
ENRICHMENT: PHOTOSELECTION
OF NUCLEIC ACID LIGANDS AND
SOLUTION SELEX

EXAMINER: ZITOMER, S.

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on June 6, 2001.
In such Office Action claims 11 and 12 were pending. Claims 11 and 12 were rejected.
This Amendment and Remarks document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

AMENDMENT

B' 11. (Amended) Nucleic acid ligands able to crosslink a target molecule,
wherein said nucleic acid ligands comprise one or more photoreactive groups.

REMARKS

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the specification does not provide an adequate written description of a target molecule comprising one or more photoreactive groups. In response to this rejection, Claim 11 has been amended to clarify that the nucleic acid ligands comprise